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SUBJECT: PLO REP IN JAPAN CARRYING UAE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT

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1. JAPANESE CHARGE TOLD DCM ON JUNE 28 THAT PLO REPRESENTATIVE HAD ARRIVED IN TOKYO RECENTLY ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO OPEN PLO OFFICE THERE. HE SAID REQUEST NOT PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME TO GOJ WHICH PREPARED HAVE PLO INFORMATION TYPE OFFICE WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC CHARACTER. WHAT WAS OF CONCERN, HOWEVER, WAS THAT PLO REP WAS CARRYING UAE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND HAD APPARENTLY GOTTEN VISA FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY IN CAIRO, WHICH AT LEAST ASSUMED (AND PERHAPS WAS TOLD) THAT BEARER WAS GOING TO TOKYO ON ASSIGNMENT WITH UAE EMBASSY THERE. JAPANESE CHARGE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD TOLD PLO REP IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO ALLOW HIM TO OPERATE OFFICE IN JAPAN WITH SUCH A PASSPORT. THIS IN TURN APPARENTLY LED TO STORY CARRIED ON RADIO HERE TO EFFECT THAT GOJ BEING UNFRIENDLY TO PALESTINIANS IN DENYING THEM PERMISSION TO OPEN OFFICE IN TOKYO.

2. COMMENT: IN WAKE OF EXPERIENCE HERE LAST NOVEMBER OF UAE ISSUING DIP PASSPORTS TO PALESTINIANS AND SUBSEQUENT ASSURANCES REFTELS THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN AGAIN, RECURRENCE OF SUCH A CASE
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IS MOST DISTURBING. WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT DETAILS, HOWEVER,

ON WHICH TO BASE STRONG PROTEST (ONCE AGAIN) TO MFA. WE BELIEVE IT
ADVISABLE IF DEPT INSTRUCT AMEMBASSY TOKYO TO TRY AND OBTAIN DETAILS
OF THIS CASE FROM GOJ. IF FACTS WARRANT, PROTEST IN ORDER, AND PER-
HAPS COUNTERACTION AS WELL WITH REGARD HANDLING UAE PASSPORTS.
BRITISH ARE EQUALLY AS WELL (IF NOT MORE SO) DISTURBED OVER UAE
ABUSES OF PASSPORT SANCTITY AND COULD BE COUNTED UPON TO SUPPORT
PROTEST. PLEASE ADVISE.
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